on Indian culture to children.. Their regular programme includes scholarships to children and awards to school teachers for popularizing puppetry. They organize workshops on Role of Puppetry in Education in which a number of local students participate.

The Ministry of Culture has been offering scholarships for all types of puppet theatre. Production grants, buildings grants and salary grants have also been given to institutions involved in puppetry.

Abolition of quota and reservation in private institutions

*67. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court of India has recently ruled that Government's requirement that the private institutions which do not receive any State aid, should also follow Government's policy on reservation of seats for the backward classes, is a serious encroachment on the rights and autonomy of these institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) Government's reaction thereto and the steps, if any, proposed in this regard;

(d) Whether Government have constituted any committee for monitoring the fee-structure in the private institutes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) The Supreme Court observed in the case of PA. Inamdar and ors. Vs. State of Maharashtra and ors. that the State cannot impose its reservation policy on minority and non-minority unaided private institutions. According to the order of the Supreme Court neither the policy of reservation can be enforced by the State nor any quota or percentage of admissions can be carved out to be appropriated by the State in a minority or non-minority unaided private institution. The Government is in the process of evolving a common national approach to this important issue which addresses national, social and constitutional imperatives in a holistic manner.

(d) and (e) The Supreme Court in its judgment in the case of Islamic Academy of Education and others Vs. State of Karnataka and others have directed the State Governments to constitute a Fee Committee to determine the fee structure in unaided institutions in respective States.

Nude serials on Doordarshan

*68. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rape cases take place only due to broadcast of "Nude Serials" on Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the details of such serials;

(c) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken to put a ban on broadcast of such serials; and

(d) by when such directions are expected to be issued?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) All Programmes and advertisements telecast on Doordarshan are governed by the Programme and Advertisement Codes of Doordarshan which *inter-alia* prohibit telecast of obscene, vulgar programmes. All programmes/advertisements are previewed by Doordarshan to ensure their conformity with these codes.

Foreign universities and educational institutions

*69. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken cognizance of the foreign universities and educational institutions coming to India to attract Indian students:

(b) if so, whether the Government have ascertained their accreditation in the respective countries;